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ALLON AT BEN GURION AIRPORT OCTOBER 13, 1974

1. SECRETARY'S REMARKS:

QUOTE. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: WE HAVE COMPLETED EXTENSIVE TALKS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE DEFENSE MINISTER. WE REVIEWED THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS IN A HARMONIUS MANNER WITH A CONSTRUCTIVE OUTCOME. WE DISCUSSED WHAT PROGRESS CAN BE MADE TOWARDS PEACE AND A SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WE AGREED ON PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES THAT MIGHT BE FOLLOWED. AND UNCLASSIFIED

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THE GENERAL TONE AND CONTENT OF THE DISCUSSION WAS, AS I POINTED

OUT, HARMONIUS.

BEFORE I COME TO ISRAEL I ALWAYS READ IN THE NEWSPAPERS ABOUT DIFFICULTIES AND POSSIBLE SUSPICIONS, BUT THESE ATTITUDES, IN MY EXPERIENCE, HAVE NEVER SURVIVED THE ACTUAL DIALOGUE AMONG FRIENDS. BECAUSE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS IN EVERYBODY'S INTEREST AND AS I SAID YESTERDAY, IN NOBODY'S INTEREST MORE THAN THAT OF ISRAEL'S -- WHICH I HAVE FOUND PREPARED TO WORK FOR IT WITH ITS USUAL DEDICATION AND TENACITY. THANK YOU. UNQUOTE.

2. ALLON'S REMARKS:

QUOTE. WHEN I CAME BACK FROM NEW YORK I TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE WAS ABOUT TO PAY A SHORT VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST, INCLUDING ISRAEL. IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS I SAID THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO EXPECT TOO MUCH FROM A SHORT VISIT OF THIS KIND, THAT NO COMPLETE SUBSTANCE MAY BE ALREADY NEGOTIATED, THAT MAYBE PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS MAY BE DISCUSSED, EXACTLY AS DR. KISSINGER SAID JUST NOW. BUT FROM OUR OWN EXPERIENCE I CAN TELL YOU THAT THIS SHORT STAY OF HIS AND OUR EXTENSIVE TALKS YESTERDAY AND TODAY WERE AN INDISPENSABLE PHASE IN THE PROCESS OF PEACEMAKING IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THAT WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO SECRETARY KISSINGER FOR COMING TO THIS COUNTRY AND I'M SURE THAT THIS WILL BE REMEMBERED AS ONE OF THE NECESSARY STEPS IN OUR ENDEAVOR TO ACHIEVE PEACE AND STABILITY IN THIS AREA. UNQUOTE
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